



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**Department of  
Agricultural Commissioner/  
Weights and Measures**



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March 20, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO WEED ABATEMENT CONTRACT 75721  
WITH SR LANDSCAPE - FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007  
(ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached Amendment to Contract 75721 with SR Landscape to increase the contract sum from \$20,350.00 to \$55,500.00 effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2007.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the above action is to enable the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department (ACWM), Weed Abatement Division, to continue providing essential fire prevention services throughout the unincorporated areas of the County and contract cities.

The success of the weed abatement program depends on the timely abatement of fire hazards posed by weeds and brush. An integral part of the annual program requires the use of hand crews, tractors and specialized power equipment which are furnished under contract by private vendors. Unanticipated requests for work requiring abatement of brush and poison oak have necessitated the request for additional vendor work. Therefore, we are asking that the Board approve the Amendment to Contract 75721 with SR Landscape, brush poison oak handwork, from \$20,350 to \$55,500.

The total increase in contract authority is \$35,150.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action supports the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence (Goal 1), Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) and Community Services (Goal 6).

The use of vendors allows the ACWM to provide an efficient, cost-effective response to the seasonal workload demands of hazardous weed, brush and tumbleweed abatement.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This contract is 100% revenue offset and there is no increase in ACWM's net county cost. The contract increase is fully-offset by anticipated weed abatement revenue through property tax liens and direct charges.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to the term of the contract, it may be extended two times upon mutual agreement. For Fiscal Year 2006-2007, Contract 75721, originally awarded on June 20, 2006, will be in its first year of a maximum three-year contract. If approved, the Amendment will increase the total contract amount.

ACWM has determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended Amendment.

The Amendment has been reviewed by County Counsel and is approved as to form.

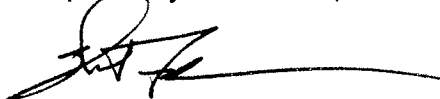
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended Board action will enable the ACWM to abate the present hazardous conditions through the end of the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

**CONCLUSION**

When approved, ACWM requires one (1) signed copy of the Amendment and minute order of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



KURT E. FLOREN  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Director of Weights and Measures

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AmendSR75721.wpd

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller

**AMENDMENT TO  
WEED ABATEMENT CONTRACT 75721**

THIS AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT 75721, made and entered into for the period from date of Board approval by and between the County of Los Angeles hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY" and SR Landscape, a contractor designated by the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR".

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2006, the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR entered into Weed Abatement Contract 75721, (hereinafter "Agreement") for weed abatement contract for the work and services hereinafter mentioned:

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR desire to amend the Agreement to increase the amount of the contract sum from \$20,350.00 to \$55,500.00.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to Paragraph 24 (MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT) of the Agreement, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR hereby agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

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1. MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT

COUNTY'S maximum obligation under this Amendment to Agreement is **\$55,500.00** including all fees and expenses. (See attached Appendix A.) Any services provided by CONTRACTOR or expenses incurred in connection with this Amendment to Agreement which exceed this amount shall be a gratuitous effort by CONTRACTOR for which COUNTY shall have no liability.

2. It is mutually understood and agreed that all other terms and conditions and provisions of Contract 75721 shall remain in full force and effect, except as herein expressly modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Amendment to Agreement to be executed by their fully authorized officers as of the dates set for below:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer-Clerk of  
the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
BY COUNTY COUNSEL:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

By Maya Lee  
Deputy

CONTRACTOR

SR Landscape  
Company Name

By Steven Rapp

Address P.O. Box 12161  
La Crescenta, CA 91224

APPENDIX A**SR Landscape****WEED ABATEMENT BRUSH POISON OAK HANDWORK CONTRACT**

(July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007)

<u>Contract Awarded</u>	<u>Units/Parcels</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
All Zones, Section II	1,100 units	\$18.50	\$20,350.00
<b>Total Amount of Contract Awarded</b>			<b><u>\$20,350.00</u></b>

**SR Landscape****WEED ABATEMENT BRUSH POISON OAK HANDWORK CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT**

(Upon Board of Supervisors' approval through June 30, 2007)

<u>Contract Awarded</u>	<u>Units/Parcels</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
All Zones, Section II	1,100 units	\$18.50	\$20,350.00
<b>Increase of 1,900 units</b>	<b><u>1,900 units</u></b>	<b>\$18.50</b>	<b><u>\$35,150.00</u></b>
<b>Total Amount of Contract Awarded 3,000 units</b>			<b>\$18.50</b>
			<b>\$55,500.00</b>

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